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presented to Congress at its last session, and bills were introduced (H. R. 4363 and S. 2680) amending the present laws and providing for more strictly national quarantine, both maritime and interstate. These bills, making practically the same provisions, received the indorsement of this Department, and were favorably reported upon by the respective committees of the Senate and House, are now pending, and should be enacted into law.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox in Jasper and Jones counties, Ga.

HADDOCK STATION, GA., *November 29, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following: Dr. J. T. Garland, of Hillsboro, Jasper County, Ga., replying to my letter of recent date, informs me that, since January 14, 1898, there have been between 200 and 400 cases of smallpox in that and the adjoining county of Jones; that the disease was introduced by a negro from Macon, Ga., where, at that time (January), smallpox existed; that the epidemic is larger now to a slight extent than it has been heretofore. "The disease," he says, "has been very mild, for there have been only 4 or 5 deaths. Most of the cases have been in Jones County. We have had only 10 cases in Jasper County, for our county commissioners acted promptly by vaccination and isolation, and soon had it under control. I have appealed to the commissioners of Jones County, but they steadfastly refuse to act. The disease is undoubtedly smallpox, as it has the full clinical history of such with the exception of the death rate." The infected region in Jones County, I am informed, is near the town—Round Oak. Conditions make it very difficult to get full information.

Respectfully, yours,

M. J. WHITE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, VA., *December 1, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 5 cases of smallpox were discovered here yesterday—the first since my last report—and sent to pest-house. All were in a house from which the last case was taken, and which was fumigated ten days ago. All other members of the household were vaccinated and detained.

Respectfully, yours,

EDWD. E. FEILD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NORFOLK, VA., *December 5, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 4 additional cases of smallpox have been discovered in this city since my last report, December 1, 1898.

Respectfully, yours,

EDWD. E. FEILD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.